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Proceedings of Convention Opening Day and of Wednesday Evening Will be Broadcast— Social Night on January 18th

Board of Trade and Other Citizens of Calgary Have Arranged for Excellent Program on Evening Proceeding
Official Opening—Will Be for Benefit of All Attending Convention, Including Delegates and Friends

Arrangements for the broadcasting of the proceedings of the Annual Convention on the opening day, Tuesday, January 16th, and the evening of Wednesday, January 20th, have been made with the Calgary Herald.

On Tuesday morning broadcasting will take place between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., when it is expected that the addresses of Lieutenant-Governor Egbert, Premier Brownlee and Mayor Webster will be delivered, followed by President Wood's annual Address and the Annual Address of Mrs. R. B. Gunn, president of the U. F. W. A. Reports of the Board of Directors and the Financial Statement will follow, and the Annual report of the Junior President. It is possible that it may be necessary to carry over a portion of this program to the evening of the afternoon session, when broadcasting will take place from 2 to 3 p.m.

The Convention proceedings will be broadcast on Tuesday evening from 8 to 10. One of the features of the evening will be an address by Professor C. E. Fay of the University of Toronto, who will probably discuss the world's wheat market or some phase of the co-operative marketing movement.

ONLY OTHER BROADCASTING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

The other broadcasting period will be from 8 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Another of Professor Fay's addresses will be delivered during this period. It is not anticipated that there will be any further broadcasting after Wednesday evening.

While there may be some change in the subjects of Professor Fay's addresses, the four subjects suggested in correspondence received some months ago, and announced in "The U. F. A.", were: (1) The World Market for Wheat; (2) Comparative Development of Commodity Marketing in Canada, the United States and Europe; (3) Intensive Co-operative Education; and (4) The Relation Between Producers' and Consumers' Cooperatives.

EXCELLENT PLANS FOR SOCIAL EVENING

As in the past, Monday night, January 18th, immediately preceding the formal opening day of the Convention, will be observed as Social Night. This will provide an excellent opportunity for new delegates to mingle with the old, and to come to know one another before the serious business of the convention begins.

In a statement issued in behalf of the Calgary citizens who are making arrangements for the Social Night, reference which was made in "The U. F. A." some weeks ago, it is stated that the Hudson's Bay dining room is to be used for the occasion. Dancing will commence at 8:30 and refreshments will be served any time after 10 o'clock.

"It has been arranged", it is announced, "for a large table to be set up at one end of the dining room containing hun-

dreds of sandwiches and cakes, so that those present will be able to help themselves to foods and drinks. This entertainment is being held under the auspices of the Calgary Board of Trade and the citizens of Calgary. The admission fee will include the supper and refreshments, and a charge of 75c for single tickets and \$1.25 for couples, will be made.

DANCE NUMBERS AND ENTERTAINERS

"The best five-piece orchestra in Calgary has been engaged for the occasion. The dance program will be entirely in the hands of the U. F. A. Convention committee, and the floor manager will likely be S. S. Sears, who has handled the dances so satisfactorily in the past years. Apart from the dance number, several high class entertainers have been arranged for to sing songs and tell some stories, so that for those who do not dance, plenty of amusement will be on hand. You can sit at a table and watch the events of the evening. No speeches, addresses or lectures of any kind will find room at this function, it being set aside for nothing other than straight enjoyment and friendly meeting.

"It is perhaps necessary to remind the delegates that this night is for the benefit of all who attend this Convention whether they be members of the U. F. A., delegates or neighbors of delegates. It is a farmers' re-union which is to include everybody coming to the city during the Convention. Tickets for the social may be had either from the 'register clerk' at the U. F. A. office, or at the entrance of the ball room in the Hudson's Bay store. The front entrance of the Big Store will be open to those attending the social ONLY and it is expected to close the affair by all joining in the National Anthem at midnight.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FRIENDS' FRIENDS

"This affair is being staged at a considerable expense to the Board of Trade, and it is hoped that all will attend to show their appreciation of what is being done for the visitors. Bring your friends and your friends' friends, and let them see how our members can enjoy themselves when they have the chance to do so.

"Be on time. Get to Calgary for this night and you will have a round of fun. In the past these events have left a lasting impression on those attending. This will perhaps be the only chance you will have for a 'night out' in the big city, so be sure to take advantage of it by saying good-by to your front gate at home in time to enable you to get in this city to have your hotel accommodation taken care of, and to get everything done so the night will find your mind free of care and open for real recreation."

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The Royal Bank of Canada

GENERAL STATEMENT

30th NOVEMBER, 1935

ASSETS

Gold and Subsidiary Coin on hand	\$1,287,186.77
Gold Deposited in Central Gold Reserves	3,495,000.00
Domestic Notes on hand	42,517,062.76
Domestic Notes deposited in Central Gold Reserves	16,890,000.00
United States and other Foreign Currencies	25,167,066.76
Notes of other Canadian Banks	\$114,596,475.57
Cheques on other Banks	4,265,348.48
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	\$1,730,422.17
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	115.26
Domestic and Provincial Government Securities (not exceeding market value)	\$7,461,871.36
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian (not exceeding market value)	\$6,246,406.26
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks (not exceeding market value)	\$5,467,346.26
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other Securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	\$4,006,773.26
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other Securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover	\$2,374,326.47
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest) after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	\$196,864,062.71
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest) after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	\$43,167,066.26
Non-Current Loans, estimated less provision for	\$42,676,773.26
Bank Premises at net more than cost, less amounts written off	\$38,796,871.71
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	\$5,856,072.00
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	\$1,584,946.44
Liaabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit on per cent	\$85,176.26
Shares of and Loans to Controlled Companies	\$9,000,000.00
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	\$1,000,000.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	\$712,554.44
	\$796,476,773.41

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid up	\$ 24,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 24,000,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	1,748,125.52
Dividends Unclaimed	\$6,468,425.52
Dividend No. 153 (at 12% per annum), payable 1st December, 1935	15,468.36
Series of 2% bonds, payable 1st December, 1936	750,000.00
	468,000.00
Deposits not bearing interest	\$104,167,246.76
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of Statement	\$42,166,156.26
Total Deposits	\$146,333,403.02
Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$42,517,062.76
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	1,675,166.41
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	14,661,866.26
Bills Payable	7,327,741.26
Letters of Credit Outstanding	167,166,866.00
	\$6,000,000.00
	\$796,476,773.41

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H. S. HOLT,
President

C. E. NEILL,
General Manager

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

To the Shareholders, The Royal Bank of Canada:
We have examined the above statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1935, with the books and accounts of The Royal Bank of Canada at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have verified the cash and securities at Head Office at the close of the Bank's fiscal year, and during the year we reviewed the cash and examined the securities at several of the important branches.
We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank. The above statement is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to disclose the true condition of the Bank as at 30th November, 1935, and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

W. GARTH THOMPSON, C.A.,
of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co.
A. B. BROWN, C.A.,
of Price, Waterhouse & Co.

Auditors.

Montreal, Canada, 29th December, 1935.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1934	\$ 1,748,125.52
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	4,061,866.42
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:	\$ 5,810,000.00
Dividends 20th, 25th, 1st, 1st and 1st at 12% per annum	1,568,000.00
Bonus of 2% to Shareholders	48,000.00
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	180,000.00
Appropriation for Bank Premises	480,000.00
Reserve for Dominion Government Taxes, including War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	425,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	1,269,425.52
RESERVE FUND	\$ 5,140,575.00
Balance at credit 30th November, 1934	\$20,400,000.00
Premium on new Capital Stock issued to Union Bank of Canada Shareholders	4,000,000.00
Balance at credit 30th November, 1935	\$24,400,000.00

Montreal, 29th December, 1935.

H. S. HOLT, President

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EDITORIAL

POLITICAL PETTICHISM VS. COMMON SENSE

A few weeks ago the people of Canada elected two hundred and forty-five members of Parliament for the purpose of carrying on the business of the country. But because of the existence of certain political party pettiches, which so bely of farmers, professional men, working men or business men, would think of allowing to interfere with the conduct of their own group enterprises, Parliament is spending the first week in trying to find out whether it can carry on.

The Farmer members are interested in legislation, but have no sort of interest in the fate of either political party as such. Neither of the old line parties has a majority, and it is therefore possible that one of them at least may be compelled to give progressive legislation a place of importance on its program.

If during the lifetime of the present Parliament any workable measure for the provision of rural credits at reasonable rates of interest is enacted; if Alberta succeeds in ending the long drawn out negotiations for the return of the natural resources to the Province; if other measures for the benefit of Western Canada are obtained, these results will be due to the fact that the Farmer members are sufficient in numbers to make whatever Government may be in office, dependent upon the representatives of the primary producers for its existence.

The Government introduced a rural credits bill in 1935 which was universally recognized as an unworkable measure. In the matter of the Natural Resources there was a period of inexplicable delay by the Federal Government after negotiations had ostensibly been concluded; this delay began to raise some doubts as to the Federal Government's intentions. But, as the Calgary Herald recently pointed out, Premier Brownlee's hand in negotiations at Ottawa has now been strengthened by the presence there of a group of U. F. A. members who are in a position to hold the Government to the definite and speedy conclusion of this question. If, after nearly two decades of discussion and negotiation, Alberta should at last obtain control of her resources, the position occupied by the U. F. A. Federal members will be one of the most important, and possibly the determining factor.

From the standpoint of large numbers of party politicians, the vitally important question to be decided at Ottawa just now is, which party shall control the patronage? From the standpoint of the interests of the average citizen this is of no importance. The people, and particularly its most efficiently organized group of the people—the organized farmers—are concerned only in the character of the legislation which Parliament may enact.

Critics of the political side of the organized farmers' activities overlook the fact that ninety-five per cent. of the questions which are dealt with by modern parliaments are economic questions. The legislative activities of the organized farmers are of the most vital importance, as an aid to the carrying out of fundamental economic policies.

It is unfortunate that the dangerous character of the principles for which the organized farmers of Alberta stand was not revealed to the public by the *Albertian* in 1922, when the editor sought and obtained support from organized farmers in his fight against the two old party machines. More recently an appropriate occasion to have warned the voters occurred just prior to the federal general election of 1926, when the editor, upon a candidate for parliament, at his own request was given the opportunity to and did address the East and West Calgary U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association, or, as we suppose the *Albertian* would now describe it (using a term which is relied upon to make the truth creep), "the Calgary soviet." Candidates for public office should not overlook such splendid opportunities for warning the public of the perils of the U. F. A. plan of action, as occur during election periods.

The very serious and extensive inroads which have been made upon the morale of the people of Alberta by the spreading of the dangerous doctrines against which the Calgary *Albertian* warns the public, is illustrated by the hearty invitations which the U. F. A. received from Calgary, to hold its Annual Convention in this city. The *Albertian's* warning note was struck too late.

The Alberta party newspaper which describes the creation of "antagonistic" groups as the object of the U. F. A., has either failed to read any of the declarations of successive Annual Conventions and the statements of its representatives, or is deliberately seeking to mislead the urban citizens. As the newspaper in question apparently ignores the activities of the U. F. A. somewhat closely, it is difficult to credit it with ignorance.

RECOGNIZE THE POOL'S INFLUENCE

From a multitude of authorities tributed to the influence of the Canadian Wheat Pools upon wheat prices are now being received.

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce of the United States, recently declared that the mere fact of the existence of the Canadian Pools had saved the farmers of the United States between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000 last year.

Sir Herbert T. Kousen, a British business man of wide experience, informed the British Food Council in London recently, that one of the chief reasons for the higher prices for wheat was the existence of "a Canadian Farmers' Co-operative Society which controlled over 60 per cent. of the production of wheat, and whose object was to secure the highest possible price for the farmers."

This witness added that "until the end of February the only large source of wheat supply was Canada."

Writing in the Glasgow Herald, Andrew Law, a well-known authority on the wheat trade, recently said, after calling attention to the large percentage of the crop controlled by the Pools, "This Pool exists . . . for the purpose of setting the highest possible price for the farmer. Whether the executive of this Pool or Lord Bradbury will succeed in dictating the price is still to be determined. If I may be permitted to fall back on war-time experience of Government control, I would say that on a long pull the odds are in favor of the Canadian seller."

The Albertan's Bed Time Story

As Related by

M. Protopopoff, of Polytechnique, Montreal

and Translated Into English by

JAMES P. WATSON, of Chicago

It was New Year's eve. The Albertan sat in the swivel chair and ruminated reflectively on the high spots of 1934.

True, many things had happened in the dear old year just passing out for which the morning paper had reason to raise its heart in thankfulness. And it did. But then again, there were other things, not quite so pleasing, and—but, ah! let us be charitable—

The latest despatches from the big world outside arrived. The Albertan sorted them out mechanically. Here was one from London, England. The quick eye, and newspaper sense of the Albertan lit eagerly on the flash—"Winston Churchill says"—and the soul of the journalist bored itself immediately into the details.

The Albertan loved Winston Churchill. What other British statesman could strut around the political stage with such convincing ostentation? His gestures suited his actions, and his actions suited his intentions and the whole presentation was one of lofty superiority that forever drew a fifth part of the stars out of the political heavens at his approach. Of course, the Albertan knew that there were a few things on which Winston—in the course of a meteoric career—had wobbled. He had, for instance, been a protectionist, and that was damning. It wasn't so damning, either, because he had redeemed himself from that stigma by becoming a freer trader, and that reflected wisdom and reasonableness to the mind of the Albertan.

WELL QUALIFIED FOR STATESMANSHIP

He was well qualified for statesmanship, having come into office through the practical gateway of imitation—imitated into true Liberalism within the Liberal caucus; into rank Toryism within the caucus of the Conservatives; and into the ways of the shandy-gaff through the caucus of the coalition. He was a Britisher of the British, even if his political creed was "Caucasian". Winston was chic; he was debonair; he was tres bien.

The Albertan studied the high, lofty idealisms in the most recent utterance of Winston Churchill. His were "thoughts that breathe and words that burn"—indeed, "British Labor people," he cried, "are Socialist in spirit and in intent." This convincing logic touched the gentle heart of the Albertan to the quick. Alas, yes! It was too true, too realistic! Hastily brushing aside the tear which trickled downwards he read through rather miserably

"They borrow all their ideas from Russia and Germany. They change and substitute every foreign word and sentence with savings up. All their utterances are from Karl Marx, all their politics from Lenin."

Then, behind Communism stands Moscow, that dark sinister evil power which has made its appearance in the world—a band of cosmopolitan conspirators, gathered from the underworlds of Europe and America."

The Albertan gasped. Russia and—America! It rubbed its journalistic eyes. It was not—it could not—it must not mean the real one hundred per cent. America of J. Pierpont Morgan! He looked again. Ah! Now that was gladdening. It was reassuring. Winston had been very specific. He had stated it plainly—"the underworld of Europe and America." Morgan and Company were saved.

HAUNTING SHADOW OF THOSE AWFUL WORDS

The shadow of those awful words haunted the Albertan all that night, and New Year's Day brought no relief from the menacing spectacle. It had perforce to be laid aside for the nonce, as custom required participation in the New Year's dinner. It is not for the present writer

THE ALBERTAN AND THE ORGANIZED FARMERS

Abandoning, for the present at least, the suggestion that the U. F. A. plan of democratic action is akin to the French system, the Calgary Albertan on January 2nd returned to its former assertions that the U. F. A. method is (1) Russian, and (2) in administration, the system in vogue in the United States. It is, says this Liberal newspaper, "an adaptation of the Russian Soviet", and, "expressed to the logical and perhaps inevitable conclusion, would be a Russian Soviet", while the U. F. A. aims also to introduce the "un-responsible form of Government such as exists in the United States."

Following these adroit appeals to his readers, (whose flesh, apparently, it is to be made to creep by the Russian comparison, while their patriotic instincts are to be enlisted against the democratic organization of the farmers by the assertion that the U. F. A. principles are borrowed from the United States), the Albertan comes to the defence of the old party system, to which the editor, formerly the "Independent" member for Calgary, has now returned. In the past some progress has been made under the party system, says the paper, and "it is not wise or reasonable that we should abandon such a system." The evil of present conditions reduces to "human nature."

The Albertan disavows any intention "to create an alarm", while with skilful repetition underlining his assertions of the "Russian" or "United States" character of the U. F. A.

The impression which this attack on the U. F. A. has made upon a former reader of the editorial is the subject of the contribution printed on this page.

to violate the sanctity of the home, in a vain repetition of the amount of viands consumed, the plum pudding annihilated, the mince pie evaporated.

It is sufficient for the historic accuracy of this story to record the fact that, dinner over, the Albertan experienced a strange heaviness which demanded rest. The feeling of lassitude was insistent, and the Calgary morning paper could not resist the inclination to relax. Sub-siding into its favorite Morris chair, and planting its feet securely on the radio bench, the Albertan was soon in the arms of Morpheus.

With plum pudding, as with other good things, some people can stand too much, but three much is often too much. Little lumps, with funny little ears and toes, danced gleefully over the morning paper's anatomy. These little under-workings jabbed sharp little tridents into the sleeper, with evident delight to themselves but indescribable torture to the victim.

From that moment it was one dumb thing after another. The lumps vanished. In their stead rose a spectral monster. It was the plum pudding itself. Was it really the plum pudding? Or was it the PARTY? It seemed plainer now. It was more like the Party. Perhaps it was the Plum Pudding Party.

THAT AWFUL SHAPE BEHIND THE PUDDING

But what was that awful shape behind the plum pudding—or rather behind the Party—that dark, sinister, evil power that raised itself "with lifted teeth as if to bite" the neck off the Party—no, the plum pudding? Oh, heavens, it was Moscow—the Soviet—and it had come direct from New York's underworld to destroy with its blackened breath the initiative, the referendum and the recall—no, our British responsible form of Party—no, it was the plum pudding that was threatened—aw, shucks!

Clearer and still more clear then crept into the Albertan's consciousness the feeling that the plum pudding—the Party—had to be saved. All history bore witness to the fact that heroic times demanded heroic actions and heroic men had always responded. The Party needed heroism. The Plum Pudding was not asking anyone to give wisdom or reason or constructive thought, or a plan or any other such foolishness. All the Party demanded—as a good plum pudding should—was heroism.

The scene was changed. The orchestra started to play "Oh Canada" and the vast audience arose. The Albertan had never seen so vast an audience. The speaker was announced. It was the Right Hon. Winston Churchill. The Calgary daily thrilled with delight. With terrible enthusiasm the speaker entreated the Party.

"It is not wise or reasonable that we

should abandon such a system" went on Mr. Churchill. Was that Mr. Churchill? No, it was the Albertan who was speaking. Or was it Winston Calgary or rather Albertan Churchill? It was awfully confusing, but the Albertan's chest expanded as the rhythm and rhyme of the cadences that spelled salvation for the Plum Party flowed from Churchill Albertan's lips.

INDISCRETION OF AN OBJECTIONABLE BECKLER

"It is not wise nor reasonable to abandon the Party in 1926" it went on. "Twas all right to abandon it in 1923—thats was a by-faction" chimed in an intemperate heckler, who was immediately thrown out by enthusiastic wardens. The speaker was flustered, though, and somewhat crestfallen, but hereism again rose triumphant. "You have to change human nature first—look at me—Winston Albertan—am I not a living witness to the fact that human nature changes!"

At this juncture, one of the Calgary Albertan's family circle entered the room and turned the dial on the receiver. The volume of sound awoke the dreamer and the words that floated to his awakening consciousness were these:

"C. F. A. C.—Herald, Calgary, Canada, announces H. W. Wood, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, will now give an address on "The New Political Alignment."

If the reader is inclined to peep peep this Bedtime story, refer to the editorial in the Calgary Albertan, January 2nd, 1926, for confirmation.

Woodland Dairy Lines up With the Alberta Dairy Pool--Pool Opera- tions Began January 1st

Each Pool Creamery Will Have Its Own Pool District, Thus Eliminating Competition—Negotiations Looking to Operation in Southern Part of Province Now Proceeding

(By the Alberta Dairy Pool Head Office)

Since the last issue of "The U. P. A." went to press, negotiations have been completed with the Woodland Dairy company whereby this company will operate for the Pool in the northern portion of the Province. This is in addition to the companies and co-operative creameries whose lining up with the Pool was described in this paper on January 2nd.

The Pool, which has achieved gratifying success during the past twelve months, now has facilities sufficient to handle most of the volume north of Red Deer, having made arrangements, as previously stated, with two co-operative creameries (the Sedgewick Co-operative Creamery and the Wetaskiwin Co-operative Creamery), and having successfully completed ideal arrangements whereby the two largest companies operating north of Red Deer—P. Burns & Co. and the Woodland Dairy, are to operate for the Pool. At the present time, P. Burns Company will operate at Vermilion, Wainwright, Camrose, Stettler, Ponoka and Edmonton, and the Woodland Dairy at Tofield and Edmonton.

Minimum of One-Half Million Pounds

The territory has been so divided that each Pool creamery will have its own district, thus eliminating competition, which has been so costly to the producer in the past. The Pool, in order to operate at the lowest cost, has set as a minimum, one-half million pounds of butter, before any creamery can operate as a Pool creamery. The whole aim and object of the Pool is to obtain for the producer, by co-operation with the manufacturer, the highest possible price for the production of cream. This is to be done, not at the expense of the consumer, but by eliminating duplication and costly competition between manufacturers, which has been such a heavy drain on the producer in the past.

The Pool started operations on January 1st, and if the cream producers get behind the Pool one hundred per cent, Alberta will have established this year the most efficient and economical system of handling dairy products yet devised in any country. Such a system of co-operation between manufacturers in the interests of the dairy producers could only be brought about by the dairy producers organizing themselves as they have done in Alberta, to see that their products are manufactured economically and sold through an efficient selling agency.

Direct to World's Markets

The producer, through the Alberta Dairy Pool, is manufacturing and selling his products direct to the various markets of the world and is, therefore, in a position to get the full market value for his products.

The membership of the Dairy Pool now reaches several thousands. The Pool member gets the full market price for his cream, the same as the non-Pool member, but in addition gets his share of the profits made through the manufacturing and selling of his product.

Any cream producer who wishes to have a share in this great movement should sign a Pool contract at once. Thousands of contracts are in the country and if any producer has not been canvassed he can obtain contracts by writing to the Alberta Dairy Pool, 501 Agency Bldg., Edmonton.

Negotiations are now proceeding whereby it is hoped that the Pool will be able to operate at various points in the southern part of the Province.

PLANS FOR HALL AT ROCKFORT BRIDGE

"The lady members of Rockfort Bridge Local provided a chicken supper at our annual meeting," writes the secretary, E. H. Hancock. "Upwards of sixty sat down to the tables which were laden with good things to eat. M. C. McKean gave a brief talk on the value of organization. A substantial beginning was made towards building a hall, and altogether prospects are good for a stronger and better Local."

Alberta Dairy Pool Convenes Edmonton, on January 26th

Will Run Concurrently With Convention of Alberta Dairymen's Association

The Alberta Dairy Producers' Association will hold its annual convention in the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, on Tuesday, January 26th, commencing at 10 a.m.

The Pool has been fortunate in arranging their convention to run concurrently with the convention of the Alberta Dairymen's Association, which is held in the Macdonald Hotel on January 26th, 27th and 28th.

The following dairymen for the Alberta Dairy Pool have been declared elected and are requested to attend the convention:

District 1—J. C. Buckley, Gleichen; John T. Clark, Calgary; Kees Cullen, Calgary; B. A. Duffner, Crossland; J. M. Evans, Midnapore; C. Hansen, Coalville; C. Jensen, Maerud; Gus E. Malchow, Stavely; H. Paterson, Okotoks; G. Stockwell, Pollockville.

District 2—L. M. Aker, Ramsey; J. Beynon, Cochrane; N. S. Clarke, Didsbury; W. A. Hunter, Beddington; G. Mehl, Owen; G. F. Patterson, Youngstown; C. W. Robinson, Manton; H. E. G. R. Schofield, Crossfield; J. P. Watson, Chinook; B. A. Woolley, Three Hills.

District 3—R. T. Beale, Hinton; E. Esperson, Okla; Sols Proulx, Borden; Henry Kinross, Eckville; J. E. Lundberg, Eckville; R. H. MacDonald, Treble; E. Peck, Gilroy; M. S. Smith, Okla

R. A. Van Slyke, Red Deer; Jas. Wood, Elmore.

District 4—C. D. Aldridge, Leduc; L. J. Auten, Ponoka; R. Inella, Gwynne; John Mavor, Gwynne; E. R. Rasmussen, Wetaskiwin; R. Sowers, Camrose; C. E. Scherff, Millet; A. F. Sorensen, Camrose; R. Strandberg, New Norway; Roy Veld, Ponoka.

District 5—P. Ford, Methuen; Nils Flinde, Rosyth; Wm. Hallum, Sedgewick; W. J. Harris, Chauvin; A. Holmberg, Viking; K. Kibbey, Crarr; J. R. Love, Irma; H. MacKenzie, Sedgewick; Harry Sheardown, Melville; G. Sturmer, Lorette.

District 6—Walter Blomholm, Conlon Creek; H. E. Brown, Chubb; A. R. Brown, Westlock; D. J. Christie, Strathmore; G. Gundersen, Paterville; A. D. McFougald, Calmar; Wm. Neeland, Gunn; C. O. Pool, Beaverlodge; Andrew Rahn, Bon Accord; W. C. Wray, Sanoude.

District 7—T. Atkins, Ashmont; A. R. Berry, Foremost; W. Dillens, Viking; J. A. Fortin, St. Paul; A. Giffault, Flat Lake; L. Joly, St. Paul; D. Miller, Earlie; J. Monahan, Mannville; R. M. Walker, Wainwright; J. R. Warner, Tofield.

OFFICERS OF MILK LOCAL

V. J. Bertrand and Jack Delfs were elected officers of the Milk Local, organized recently.

Members Resident in Calgary Launch the "Calgary U.F.A. Local," With Membership of Thirty-Five

Expected That This Will Be More Than Doubling at Second Meeting This Week, With Prospects of Considerable Further Growth.—E. W. Wood Elected Honorary President and E. O. German President

Farmers now resident in Calgary, many of whom have been members of the U. F. A. in other localities, met in the Board Room of the Alberta Wheat Pool on Thursday evening, January 8th, when "The Calgary U. F. A. Local" was launched with a charter membership of twenty-six, quickly increased by the accession of other members, to thirty-five. A second meeting has been called for January 14th, when it is anticipated that the membership will at least be doubled. Judging by the enthusiasm displayed at the opening meeting, and the keenness of the members, the new Calgary Local is likely to play a most active part in the advancement of U. F. A. principles, and the support of the policy of social advancement for which the United Farmers of Alberta stand.

Keen Desire to Keep in Touch With Association

At the organization meeting H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Vice-president of the U. F. A., who appointed chairman, S. J. Ewing, formerly of Irricana and now resident in Calgary, was called upon to explain the object of the meeting. He pointed out that there were large numbers of members of the U. F. A. living in the city who had no Local through which they could express their citizenship, and that there were strongly desirous of keeping in touch with the affairs of the Association.

President Wood pointed out that as a resident of Calgary he was a member of the Carstairs Local, and for reasons of sentiment would prefer to remain in this Local, while a resolution passed by a recent Annual Convention provided that a member of the U. F. A. could not belong to two Locals. Mr. Wood said, however, that he would be glad at any time to give any assistance he could to the Calgary Local. Mr. Scholefield who is a member of the Crossfield Local, expressed himself to similar effect.

On motion of S. J. Ewing, President Wood was appointed Honorary President of the Calgary Local, and also a "lifetime member", with a cordial invitation to visit the Local at any time.

Officers Elected

E. O. German was elected President of the Local, S. J. Ewing and T. M. Little, who were also nominated, withdrawing their names. Mr. Ewing was elected Vice-president. Alex Store, who was the other nominee for this position, refused to allow his name to stand. N. P. Davidson was elected secretary of the Local, and the following temporary committee was nominated to act as a program committee and to remain in office until the election of a permanent board of directors: E. R. Briggs, H. F. Flett, Alex Store, E. N. Mangles, T. Cleveland.

The charter members of the Calgary Local are: H. F. Flett, H. J. McLaughlin, Russ Laiden, G. H. Woods, J. H. Williams, H. C. Gibson, P. W. Scott, T. Cleveland, Alex Store, E. O. German, John Clayton, T. F. Fisher, & S. F.

gillus, J. F. Dole, A. Stewart, Glenn L. Carpenter, H. E. Salter, E. R. Briggs, Telfer P. Ironside, R. H. Berry, T. M. Little, N. P. Davidson, J. I. Wright, E. N. Mangles, S. J. Ewing, John Glasbeck, while the following also became members at the inaugural meeting: Guy Johnson, C. J. Floyd, T. R. Humphries, F. R. Martin, E. D. Pardy, W. Norman Smith, John L. Bowden, C. Barrett, K. Eriquiry.

Australian Pools Appoint Delegates to Pool Conference

Pools From the Antipodes Will Be Well Represented at Great St. Paul Gathering

Word has just been received at the Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office that J. M. McDonald, chairman of the Trustees Board of the South Australia Wheat Pool, and J. H. Teasdale, trustee of the West Australia Wheat Pool, have been appointed as representatives for the Wheat Pools of New South Wales, West Australia, South Australia and Victoria, to attend the Wheat Marketing Conference to be held at St. Paul, Minn., U.S., on February 16th.

As far as may be possible the full Boards of the Alberta and other Provincial Wheat Pools will attend the conference. Messrs. A. J. McPhail and G. L. McPherson, who were mentioned in error in our last issue as the delegates to this conference, are the delegates appointed to the annual meeting of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations of the U. S. A., which opened in Washington on January 12th.

"POSITION IN HANDS OF CANADIANS"

On a recent mail a letter was received by the Alberta Wheat Pool from N. V. Fearnthorpe, 102 Saltergate, Chesterfield, England, which had reference to the citizens of the Royal Food Commission, now being held in that country, inquiring into the increased cost of bread and other foods.

In closing his letter Mr. Fearnthorpe wished the wheat producers every success, and those in Alberta in particular.

Mr. Fearnthorpe enclosed a clipping from the Yorkshire Telegraph and Star, the text of which follows in part:

"The present price of the 4-lb. loaf in Sheffield," added Mr. Darwent, "is 10d. It was increased to that price from 9½d on December 10th as a result in the rise in the cost of flour. The position now seems to be left almost altogether in the hands of the Canadians, who are controlling the market. Canada is producing a large amount of wheat of excellent quality and a sort of combine which acts there seems to be controlling the world's supply."

MORRIN COMMENDS WORK OF POOL

The following is part of a report just to hand from James H. Morrion, the newly elected secretary of the Morrion Wheat Pool Local:

(1) Feeling voiced at this meeting was that the Pool had done remarkably well considering the great amount of labor necessary in getting the Pool under way.

(2) That we must make a determined effort to secure local elevators at the earliest possible date.

(3) That we insist on our members marketing every bushel of their wheat through the Pool.

(4) A new drive for members will be made in the near future. We are after at least 80 per cent. in the Morrion district.

(5) There is also a considerable feeling that some elevator agents discriminate against Pool members.

NEW WHEAT POOL LOCALS

Wheat Pool Locals have recently been organized at the following points:

Snake Valley Local, in the Milo district. Nels Ekstrand is chairman and Jack Delta is secretary.

Success Local, at Byemore on the new Warden-Hanna line. David Ferguson of Cornucopia is chairman and Leonard Browne of Byemore is secretary.

Both of these Locals have appointed five wives as their secretaries and will no doubt be found of real value to the members in the districts in which they serve.

Perseverance and Courage Score in Western Canada

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Perseverance, courage, the will to do—these things have scored again.

Western Canada is the scene of the latest triumph. There, agriculture has come into its own. After years of heart-breaking disappointment, the wheat grower of the plains has reached the goal of success. And success in this case, as in so many others, is founded on the great rock of co-operation.

Canada's biggest business concern is in the Canadian West. The Wheat Producers Limited, under which name the Wheat Pools of the three Prairie Provinces operate, handles a greater volume of business than any other corporation in the Dominion.

Many people in both the east and west of Canada will be surprised to read that the largest Canadian business institution is a western one. The east has always been regarded as Canada's industrial centre and the place of the Dominion's large business institutions. The impression is generally correct. The east is the home of most of Canada's large businesses. It is only because of necessity that the Wheat Producers, Limited, was organized in the west.

The western farmers still run their own business. But instead of doing it individually they have joined forces. They have organized themselves into the Wheat Producers, Limited, which consists of the three Wheat Pools, one of which operates in each of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The company was made possible because of a spirit of co-operation and

actual trust that now pervades the farmers of the west. For years they have been exploited by none too scrupulous grain dealers. In self-defence the farmers organized the Wheat Producers, Limited. Only after years of struggle and sacrifice have they been able to save their company. They were met with opposition from every angle. By perseverance they accomplished their end.

The Pools are well organized. Last year it cost them only two-fifths of one cent to market a bushel of wheat. The claim is made that this year's greater volume will even cut the expenses below that amazingly small figure.

So sound is the organization that no difficulty is experienced in financing. The Canadian banks realize the firmness of the Pools' foundations. They are quite ready to advance the necessary operating expenses. This financial assistance is secured at a rate of interest commanded by only the largest and most secure of institutions.

Canadians know how to achieve!

Co-operative Assn. of Edgerton Has Successful Year

President Herbert Spencer in Annual Address States More Extensive Facilities Now Needed

"Optimism, satisfaction with the present and faith in the future" were the feelings expressed by shareholders at the annual meeting of the Edgerton Co-operative Association, states a report received from H. Woodhuff, the secretary. The financial report showed a profit of \$985 on a total business of \$29,307, after payment of all expenses and dividends.

E. Herbert Spencer, the president, in his address referred to the balance sheet as proof of the most successful year in the history of the association. "Trade is waiting at the door to be gathered in," he said, "so much so, that the incoming board will have to consider ways and means of securing more extensive business facilities."

Need for Education in Co-operation

"Of the several hundred people who deal with us," added Mr. Spencer, "the evidence rather proves that very, very few possess the most elementary knowledge of the co-op movement with which they have linked themselves. The chief reason we get trade is because we give a little better deal than the retail merchant. True, that is one of the aims of co-operation, but men like Charles Kincaid, Sir Horace Plunkett, and many others did not give a large part of their time to this movement because they could buy a pound of tea cheaper than by going round the corner to the retail merchant. If we do not get beyond our present limited knowledge of the co-operative movement, we have accomplished very little, our existence as a business institution will be jeopardized by our own shareholders and patrons. For this reason the new board would do well to spend money on educational propaganda. The realm of co-operative literature is vast. This literature is written in every civilized tongue.

"During the struggle in Russia, it was the Co-operatives who kept up trade with London. In the post-war period in

Great Britain, the Co-operatives withstood the strain imposed by arbitrary deflation better than private or joint stock institutions; and in Nova Scotia, all through the hard conditions caused by the struggle between 'Boss' and the miners, the co-operative store of Cape Breton was of inestimable value to the suffering people.

A Peaceful Revolution

"We are engaged in a peaceful revolution," concluded Mr. Spencer, "the main object being to change the whole basis of industry from competition to co-operation, and so become the greatest factor for human service."

The officers of Edgerton Co-operative Association for 1936 are: President, E. Herbert Spencer; secretary, H. Woodhuff; manager, T. Swindlehurst; committees: W. F. Redmond, Walter Kerr, Roy Taylor, Oscar Walrath, P. H. Bevington.

Hogs Marketed on Fraction of the Margin Prevailing Before Blindman Valley Association Formed

Annual Meeting of Association in Rimbey Reveals Substantial Gains to Hogs Raisers Made Possible Through Co-operative Marketing

From \$1.50 per hundred a couple of years ago, the cost of marketing the hogs of the members of the Blindman Valley Co-operative Association has been reduced to as low a margin as 35 cents, while the highest margin between the local points and Calgary has been \$1.15 during the period of the operations of the Association. This was reported by R. E. Chowen of Bentley, president, at the annual meeting of the Association held in Rimbey on Saturday, January 2nd. There were men who before the Association came into being, had paid \$2.50 for placing hogs on the Calgary market, as compared with the margin of 35 cents which had been recorded on the day prior to the meeting.

Marked Financial Success

Hogs to the value of \$331,888.89 and cattle to the value of \$5,159.68 were sold by the Association during the year just closed. The total expenses were \$3,576.80, and "notwithstanding the high prices which the producers had received during the year," says the report, "the Association received a net profit on the year's business of \$2,595.01." The Association handled during the year 16,124 hogs, with an aggregate weight of 3,232,290 pounds. The share capital paid up in the Association is only \$651, but during the two years' operations the Association has acquired assets amounting to \$5,484.89, against a total liability of only \$270.14, leaving a surplus of \$5,194.75 over liabilities. The Association has acquired stockyards, scale houses, scales and equipment at the leading points along the line.

Extension to Lacombe

It was announced at the meeting that the Association had been approached with a view to extending its operations into Lacombe. The meeting decided to make the extension as soon as 200 additional contracts have been received from the Lacombe district.

About 275 hog raisers attended the meeting, a special train being run between Lacombe and Rimbey for the convenience of the delegates. T. A. Iddings of Rimbey presided at the day's sessions. The Association was welcomed by Dr. Byers, mayor of Rimbey, and Mr. Bowker, president of the Board of Trade.

President Chowen, in his address, spoke highly of the assistance given by the United Grain Growers, who he said, were doing a great work throughout the Province. Mr. Thompson of the Provincial department for hog promotion, gave a valuable talk during the day.

Resolutions were adopted as follows by

the coming year: R. E. Chowen, A. J. Anderson, Fred Kennor, Fred Smith, J. E. Wetzel, H. Gee, J. W. Robson, J. B. Crocker, T. A. Iddings. W. Litt of Bentley was elected auditor, and Mr. Chowen was elected delegate to the Pool.

The head office of the Association is at Bentley, and its operations extend along the line of the Lacombe and North-western Railway, with leading points at Aspen Beach, Bentley, Farnham, Rimbey, Bluffton, Nugent and Headley.

WESTWOODS LOCAL HOLDS SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL

Westwoods Local held a very successful social meeting recently, when, according to the press correspondent, "the ladies provided refreshments for the inner man, while the male members, at least three of them, gave a highbrow program." Mr. Edgell gave an address on Co-operation, Cecil McMillan spoke on Organization, while Richard Airey dealt with the history and future of the U. F. A.

Co-operating While Preserving Group Identity, Ottawa

Writing for U. F. A. Group at Ottawa, H. E. Spencer Describes Manner of Organization for Work of the Session

Writing on January 5th in behalf of the U. F. A. group, upon organization for the work of the Parliamentary session at Ottawa, H. E. Spencer, M.P., secretary of the Alberta group, states that a conference of the U. F. A. members was held on January 4th, at which it was "decided to co-operate to the fullest extent possible with the other Farmer members, at the same time taking care to keep our Provincial unit intact."

"We realized," said Mr. Spencer, in a letter to "The U. F. A.," "that there would be certain general officers serving the whole of the members, the election of whom most of us felt, would carry with it responsibility to one and all."

"On meeting the men from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, we tried to get down to a fundamental basis. Early in the discussion they agreed to Provincial organizations with those organizations again co-operating for work in the House of Commons, where, with our

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Central Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers Achieve Market Successes as Capital of \$14,000

During the first ten months of its existence, the Central Alberta Dairy Producers' Association has had a turnover of \$360,000, involving some 40,000 transactions, states A. C. Johnstone, C. Clive, president of the Association, in a letter to "The U. F. A."

"The savings effected for the members," says Mr. Johnstone, "over and above the prevailing price paid each day for butterfat, amounted to \$25,000 during the ten months."

"This has been accomplished on working capital of \$10,000, and interest on bank overdrafts will not exceed \$15. Our board is quite satisfied with the accomplishment, made possible through effective local organization under efficient management."

"With a steadily increasing membership, 1935 operations should result in still greater savings. There is nothing on earth to hinder other communities effecting similar associations; then federate the locals for effective selling."

NEW LOCAL NEAR VIKING

T. A. Cox, organizer in charge of the first meeting of Poplar Hill Local, was elected its secretary, and Fred Thompson president. This new local is in the Viking district.

PROTESTS AGAINST HOLDING CONVENTION IN CALGARY

Editor, "U. F. A.":

At a meeting of this Local held on November 24th, 1935, a motion was passed that we send a letter to the Central Office and also have same published in "The U.F.A." protesting against having the Annual Convention held in Calgary this year, instead of Edmonton, on the ground that it is not fair to the U.F.A. people living in the northern part of the Province.

While we recognize the value of keeping down expenses, we feel that the Convention should be held every second year in Edmonton, for the sake of bringing the U.F.A. closer to the people living in the North.

Numbers of people who cannot take the time to attend all of the Convention would be glad to attend part of it, but the distance puts it out of reach.

Lamont Local No. 549, United Farmers of Alberta.

C. B. WHITTAKER,
Secretary

Advices the Creation of Ridings of Urban and Rural Type

Believe Government Should Then Enable Urban Centres to Have Representation—They Are Entitled To

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

I have read with interest Mr. Wood's reply to the Calgary Albanian in the matter of economic group representation; also the resolution by the Big Valley

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by the House District committee, or redistribution. I believe myself that economic group representation would receive quite a boost by a proper measure of redistribution, but my idea about this is a little different, I believe.

There should be created purely rural constituencies in proportion to the voting strength of the farmers, but the towns and villages should be excluded from these; all towns and villages to be grouped together for urban constituencies, and with the cities elect the remaining members.

More Practical Than Multi-Member Ridings

Then all the labor, business and professional men and women of the Province would have a chance to participate in a scheme of economic group representation and consequently group government. Such redistribution could not help but bring about proportional representation, besides being more practical than multi-member constituencies. It would also leave a straight fight between economic groups and political party candidates. With an association that could be called the Economic Group Government association, to direct the campaign, there would be something to fight over for the next Provincial election.

But it seems to me it is up to the U.F.A. Government to take the first step in this matter and make it possible for the urban population to have the representation they are entitled to, without having to revert to the old political parties.

Yours very truly,

W. TREUMER.

Edmonton, Alta.

Election Expenses, MacLeod, \$750.99

Total of \$750.99 Left in Treasury at
Conclusion of U. F. A. Campaign in
MacLeod Federal Constituency

In the recent Federal general election campaign in MacLeod when G. G. Coote, the U. F. A. candidate, was elected by a substantial majority, the total expenses incurred by the MacLeod U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association were \$750.99. The official return filed by H. F. Spencer, agent for Mr. Coote, shows that of the total amount, \$172.15 was spent in the rent of premises, and that such services as carriage, stenography, telephones, telegrams, etc., cost \$105.83; travelling expenses totalled \$149.80, while \$84.06 was spent for envelopes, stamps, and other stationery. The cost of advertising was \$297.26.

At the beginning of the campaign the MacLeod association had on hand the sum of \$147.64. Mr. Coote himself contributed \$28.75 towards the campaign expenses, while the remainder of the fund raised, totalling \$1,286.13, arose from constituency dues and contributions. After all the expenses of the campaign had been met, there thus remained on hand a balance of \$750.99 available for future activities.

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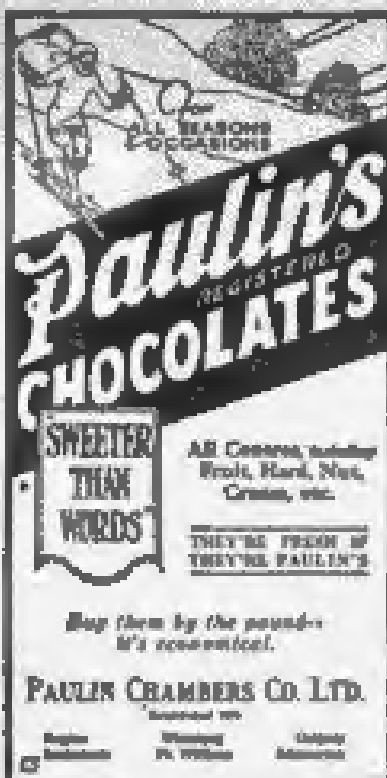
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CO-OPERATING WHILE PRESERVING GROUP IDENTITY, OTTAWA

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united effort, we might anticipate doing good and effective work.

"The first officer to be elected was the whip. My name was put forward by Mr. Bird of Manitoba. I felt if we were in earnest about taking part in the co-operative effort we were making, Alberta should take her share of responsibility. I therefore allowed my name to stand. Two others were nominated; both, however, withdrew.

"Each of the three Provinces then elected a man to represent them on a central committee. They were Mr. Gardiner for Alberta, Mr. Evans for Saskatchewan and Mr. Brown for Manitoba. Mr. Forke was asked to act as House leader."

At a later meeting of the U. F. A. group officers for this group were elected. They are the same as in the last Parliament, Mr. Gardiner being chairman and Mr. Spencer secretary.

It is embodied in Mr. Spencer's letter that all are trying to co-operate to get results, while group identity is being preserved.

The U. F. W. A. and Junior Branch**PLACE OF U. F. W. A. IN LIFE OF WOMAN ON THE FARM**

The important place that the U. F. W. A. Local occupies in the farm woman's life was discussed by Mrs. Elizabeth Richmond, president of Roman U. F. W. A., in her annual report. "I have wondered," she said, "what we women would do if we had no organization for diversion, for sociability, for sympathy and friendliness. When I think of the privations of some of our prairie homes, and the struggle for a livelihood in the disappointing years, I don't wonder that some of our young women get discontented and sometimes disgusted with things in general. We want all these young wives and mothers and their little ones, too, we want them for members when they can afford it. We want them for a cup of tea at all times; we are not particular as to the style of dress they wear, or if their coat is 'not fit to be seen.'"

"Looking back over our work in 1928 we are impressed with the growth in membership and the interest taken in the organization, the social element, and economics.

Interdependence of Groups

"The political interest was also very keen; on the polling day we women did our duty and Mr. Gardiner, the candidate of the U. F. A. economic group was duly elected. We deplore the fact that the farmers will have fewer representatives in the next Parliament, but we sincerely hope that before another election (and it may be soon) that a keener interest may be taken by the farmers, and a better understanding between Labor and themselves; there is an interdependence between the two.

"Our members have been keenly alive to the economic value of the Pools; the size-up of both Egg and Poultry and Dairy Pools was sufficient, and interest keen enough to send delegates to the first conventions. Many have signed the petitions who are not members of the



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A. S. BENNETT,
Chief Colonization

eventual block to any real program, and for many years has been the chief point of discussion in the now unorganized company known as the U. G. G.

After many attempts at injecting the co-operative principle into this joint stock company which the farmer built up and paid for, he found that those he had hired and put in a position of service, no longer had his viewpoint but had acquired the viewpoint of his environment and refused to be moved. At every point his efforts were met by well planned tactics to put off the same to some future date (which of course never came before the farmers) because disgusted with their former efforts and started the Wheat Pool which is a truly co-operative system as far as it is developed, being only in its infancy as yet, but as it had a proper birth there is no reason why it should not function properly along truly co-operative lines in the future.

On the other hand, we have the other infant which was born under good intentions which refuses to be disciplined by its parents, but wishes to rule not only its parents, "owners", but also wishes to control the destinies of the other child and the triplets born in the last year—known as the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Pools.

FEAR LIES WITH PARENTS
Now I believe the fault all lies with, the parents or farmers whom you know and in the habit of starting a thing and then laying down on the job, or in other words, are too busy to look after their own business and therefore trust it to others with the well known results.

We hear much about who started the Pools and it seems various individuals, companies and newspapers claim the honor, but we all know who started, financed and did the work—the farmer.

We also know that he could not be stopped or he would have been. He was set on progress and progress it must be. The others mentioned just fell in line because it was popular and safer and easier to go with the storm than oppose it, therefore we have all the opposition with us, still trying to distract us from our goal.

There is much work and hard thinking yet to be done before we get there, and so let us be up and doing our bit to keep the road to a successful grain marketing system, based on co-operation, clear.

This we know must be done by turning over the elevators we now own to the Pool at once and acquiring more where needed, also terminals so that we can change this present haphazard system of grading to a milling value for the production of bread, which most will agree that the present system does not do.

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This proves that the grading system is wrong or the big mills use low grade wheat. It matters not which, as we have demonstrated it in more ways than one and are situated it seems to me to be changed and change it we must or our work will be in vain.

I believe the only way is to deliver your product to the consumer with the least possible cost through your own system of elevators and later your own carrying facilities, then you will have made the first part of your journey a success.

While I believe we are well on the road with our grain products I would not like to say the same about our Livestock or Dairy Pools, as I believe they have already made steps which will have to be retraced—if not they are absolutely lost now.

We have possibly been in too big a hurry before we had material at hand or we did not give the right stuff the confidence in shattered and dissatisfaction has taken its place. Now it is up to you! What are you going to do? Are you going to lie down and let the enemies of our Pool movement carry us back another ten years or are you going to retrace and take possession of your own business and look after it in your own interests?

We have signed a contract with ourselves for five years to mind our own business and do it co-operatively in our own way, and when we signed this contract and got others to sign it we made it plain that we were going to put our own agency in operation and disregard any and all firms, etc. then doing business.

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REPORTS CAN BE OBTAINED

The reports of Mrs. Goss, president of the U. F. W. A., and Mrs. Ames, president of the U. F. W. O., at the conference of the International Council of Women, held in Washington last May, have been printed in an eight-page booklet. Copies can be secured from Central Office, Calgary, at five cents each.

ASK DAN RILEY'S APPOINTMENT TO SENATE

A petition has been widely signed asking that the Dominion Government appoint Daniel E. Riley, president of the Western Stock Growers' Association, and a farmer and rancher of the High River district, to the Canadian Senate. The petition expresses the belief that "in Mr. Riley all interests, particularly the agricultural and livestock industries, of the West would be well represented."

RAISE FUNDS TO SEND DELEGATE

To raise funds to send a delegate to the Annual Convention, Verdant Valley held a very successful box social recently. The auctioning of the boxes was preceded by a short program, and followed by a dance. The total receipts of the evening were \$82.50.

TO DISCUSS FARM PROBLEMS

A series of important meetings for discussion of farming problems will be addressed this month in Alberta by J. G. Haney, under the auspices of the Calgary Herald.

TWENTY YEARS' RECORD

F. Hansen, secretary of Vegreville Local, has never missed a meeting during the twenty years that he has held that office.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION OPENING DAY AND OF WEDNESDAY EVENING WILL BE BROADCAST—SOCIAL NIGHT ON JANUARY 18TH

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COMMUNITY GRAZING FOR DEPOPULATED AREAS

Among resolutions for consideration of the Annual Convention received since our last issue went to press, is one from the Acadia Provincial Confederacy Association urging that heretofore of throwing abandoned land open for ranching purposes, in certain districts which have suffered heavy loss of population. Government authorities should "move the people judiciously into the best parts on a community basis", where they can save "the use of the surrounding land for grazing purposes." It is recommended that the Dominion and Provincial Governments confer for the purpose of devising such a plan. The resolution points out that about 10 per cent. of the settlers in the district including Acadia north of the Red Deer, had moved away from their farms and that the farmers who remain are confronted with serious problems arising from their condition of isolation—school districts being unable to operate owing to prohibitive cost to the taxpayers who remain, and abandoned tracts becoming a burden owing to the abandonment of much land.

A resolution from Calgary District Association asks that within the Province be

valued at the time of purchase in accordance with the number of months remaining in any given year, from the time of purchase.

APPRECIATION OF MR. GREENFIELD

The following resolution, expressing appreciation of Hon. H. Greenfield, has been received from the Lethbridge Federal Constituency Association:

Whereas, we realize the hard position in which the Hon. H. Greenfield was placed and strenuous work that devolved upon him during the term he was in office;

Resolved, that this Convention place on record an expression of appreciation of the work done by him while Premier of this Province, and extend to him our best wishes for his future health and prosperity.

CONFIDENCE IN PREMIER BROWNLEE

Confidence in Premier Brownlee is expressed in the following resolution, also from the Lethbridge Federal Constituency Association:

Resolved, that this convention of the Lethbridge District U. F. A. place its full confidence in the Hon. J. E. Brownlee as Premier of this Province, and that we sincerely judge him our earnest support in carrying on his affairs in the interests of good and efficient government for all its people.

Lethbridge also requests the Government to keep rural schools open to dried out districts, where there are eight or more children of school age.

STANDARDIZED PARTS

Other resolutions from this association ask legislation to compel manufacturers of farm machinery to "standardize parts, where no new invention or improvement is made"; call upon all farmers to support the various co-operative marketing enterprises; petition the Provincial Government to enact legislation compelling parties to produce ideas of common thinking in their premises. For identification, when requested to do so by an officer of the law; asking for more convenient arrangement of polling stations; asking increase in salaries paid for rural mail delivery, as present salaries are often insufficient to induce anyone to undertake the work; asking the C. F. R. to adopt the same scale of freight rates for sugar beets as prevail in Ontario and Washington; urging the C. F. R. to build the branch line from Cardston to Diamond this year.

Is There a Printing Press so Erratic in Spelling as This?

Hearing of Athabasca Charge That More Votes Were Cast Than There Are Resident Voters, Brings Out Important Evidence

Charges that more votes were actually polled than there were actual voters resident in various polling districts in the constituency of Athabasca were made before Mr. Justice Walsh at the opening recently of the hearing of the application of Donald F. Keiser, U. F. A. candidate in Athabasca in the recent Federal general election, for a check-up of the documents, such as poll books, and other papers, used in the election. Some of the deputy returning officers have been summoned, charged with forging ballots.

One of the Edmonton papers, in reporting the hearing of the application, asks, pertinently:

"Can a printing press spell Donald Ferdinand Keiser's middle name 'Ferdinand' at one time and 'Ferdinand' at another? Can it spell Charles Henri Gourveau's name 'Henri' at one time and 'Henry' at another?"

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